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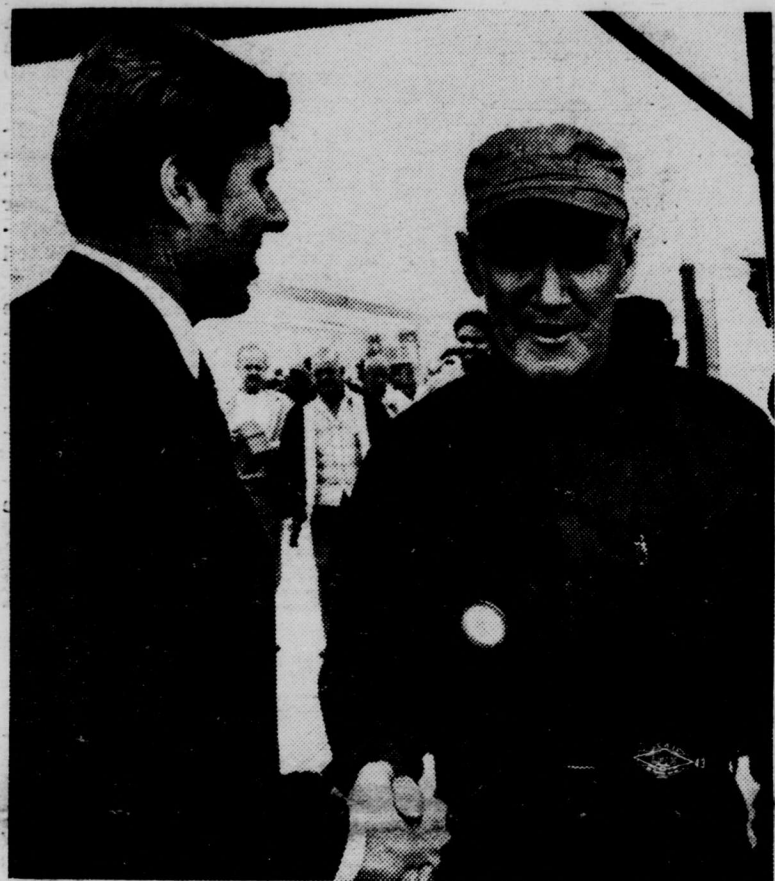
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Cal. jobless rate at nine-year high



CONGRESSMAN JOHN V. TUNNEY was leading his Republican opponent for United States Senator in an authoritative poll this week but he was not relaxing his hard-hitting campaign. Tunney, shown at left with a factory worker at a plant gate appearance, continued to spotlight the GOP incumbent Senator's anti-labor voting record and his own progressive legislative accomplishments. (Story on page 5)

Unruh blasts governor on big job toll

Jess Unruh continued to hammer on his themes of lack of Reagan administration action on critical unemployment and Reagan's close links with the wealthy.

The COPE-endorsed candidate to turn Reagan out of office on November 3, told a Los Angeles Federation of Labor luncheon that the governor is "the man without a plan" to solve unemployment and welfare problems.

Earlier, Unruh had publicly listed wealthy Republicans who own the Reagan governor's mansion and the amounts they contributed to the Republican governor's June primary election campaign.

The list: Henry Salvatori, wealthy oil man, and Alfred Bloomingdale, insurance executive, \$5,000 each; Justin Dart, president of Rexall Drugs, \$5,312; auto dealer Holmes Tuttle, retired executive Z. Wayne Griffin, developer Fritz B. Burns, executive Earl M. Jorgensen, Armand Deutsch, Leland M. Kaiser, and executives Charles E. and Howard Cook, all \$2,500; and executive

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Nixon-Reagan policies blamed for unemployment

California's unemployment rate reached 7 per cent, highest in more than nine years in September—a month which opened with the electioneering governor's assurance that "California has never been more prosperous."

Things were bad all over. The jobless situation from the top:

- Unemployment in the nation climbed to 5.5 per cent from 5.1 per cent in August and was a near seven-year record high. Jobless totalled 4,600,000 and there were nearly 2,000,000 more than when the Nixon administration took over.

- California's 7 per cent was a sharp rise from August's already high 5.5 per cent. The rate in September, 1969 was 4.7 per cent. California jobless in September totalled 503,000, according to state figures, compared with 327,000 in September, 1969.

- In the Bay Area, joblessness rose too—from 5 per cent in August to 5.6 per cent in September, with 71,900 tallied in the state's count of unemployed. That was 20,500 more jobless than in September, 1969.

- In the Los Angeles area, the story was the same—September unemployment at 6.6 per cent, up from 6.2 per cent in August. Reactions were varied. Said AFL-CIO President George Meany:

"The (Nixon) administration cannot duck responsibility for this tragic statistic. It is administration policies that have caused widespread suffering among families of the unemployed. . . .

"It is time for the White House to abandon its 'game plan' and adopt a policy that will put America back to work."

California Labor Federation Secretary John F. Henning blamed joblessness on the Nixon-Reagan cutback in construction and services, ostensibly aimed at inflation but which "simply isn't working" to cut prices.

"The high interest, tight money policies of the Nixon-Reagan administration are directly responsible for California's one-half million jobless workers,"

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Nixon attack on prevailing wage bared

The Nixon administration is moving behind the scenes to destroy the prevailing wage protection for building craftsmen in the nearly 40-year-old Davis-Bacon Act, the Alameda County Building Trades Council learned this week.

The attack is to be made through new regulations which would eliminate the longstanding rule that where 30 per cent or more workers get union scale, union rates are to prevail on federal construction.

If 51 per cent or more are not at union scale in a Labor Department-designated area, the department would set an "average" rate, lower than union pay, as the "prevailing" wage under the proposed regulations.

That move by an anti-labor national administration should be answered by electing labor's candidates November 3, President Paul Jones and Secretary-Treasurer Lamar Childers told the BTC.

They urged strong support to the October 16 Alameda County COPE fund-raising dinner through reservations and program advertisements. (See COPE dinner, column 1)

A parallel, Childers said, is Reagan state administration hobbling of such services as job safety enforcement and stacking workmen's compensation and un-

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COPE fund dinner next week

Alameda County COPE's election fund-raising dinner, featuring U.S. Senator Alan Cranston as the main speaker, is just one week away and unions and individuals were urged to support the affair with reservations and program advertising.

The event next Friday, October 16, which will raise money for COPE's support to labor's total slate at the November 3 election, will be held at the Edgewater Hyatt House, Hegenberger Road near the Nimitz Freeway, Oakland.

Reservations are \$15 a plate or \$25 for two. Greeting ads, proceeds of which will also contribute to COPE election funds, are available for \$30 for a quarter page, \$60 for a half page or \$100 for a full page.

Checks should be made to Alameda County COPE and sent to the Alameda County Central Labor Council, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. Tickets with table reservations will be mailed to purchasers.

Cranston, who defeated a

rightwing Republican candidate for U.S. Senate in a COPE-supported campaign in 1968, is expected to dwell on the chances to unseat reactionaries November 3—given a vigorous vote drive.

Candidates whose COPE-endorsed campaigns will benefit from the dinner, include Jess Unruh who seeks to retire reactionary Governor Reagan, Congressman John V. Tunney, opposing GOP Senator Murphy, State Senator Alfred E. Alquist, who is running against Reagan's hand-picked lieutenant governor, and Congressional and State Legislature candidates.

Nat Dickerson, UC unionist, dead

Nathaniel F. (Nat) Dickerson, recording secretary of AFSCME University of California Employees Local 371 for the last five years, died of a heart attack Sunday evening. He would have been 63 next Sunday.

Dickerson, an active union worker since he became a UC employee in December, 1954, was known for his weekly AFSCME 371 "Info" column in the East Bay Labor Journal.

His last column, written the

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Hottest of the latter races are in the Sixteenth Assembly District, where COPE is backing liberal attorney Ken Meade against a Reagan-oriented incumbent, and in the Seventh Congressional District where Republicans are pouring in support to a previously unknown candidate against COPE endorsed Ronald V. Delums.

The October 16 event will open at 7 p.m. with no-host cocktails and dinner will be at 8 in the Alameda and Hayward Rooms of the Hyatt House. Mike Tilles' band will furnish music.

Reagan dumps safety bill, measles curb

A major casualty of Governor Reagan's wholesale vetoes last month was a key safety measure, making it mandatory rather than permissive for the state to investigate complaints of job safety hazards.

"The veto is a slap in the face of every working man and woman in the state," said the State Building Trades Council, "and further points out the governor's lack of interest where the welfare and safety of working people are concerned."

Reagan vetoed 82 bills after the close of the regular Legislature session. None was overridden by the Republican-controlled Leg-

islature at the special veto session on September 23.

Reagan also vetoed a measure to require that all California school children be immunized against German measles before they can enter school.

Assemblyman Jess Unruh, COPE-endorsed candidate against Reagan, led a fight to override the "law and order" governor's veto of 2 per cent of a raise for California Highway Patrolmen, but the veto stood, on a 45-5 vote, while 54 were needed to override.

Assemblyman Robert W. Crown of Alameda said he was "mystified by the governor's action in

view of the overwhelming evidence presented that our Highway Patrolmen lag so far behind other law enforcement bodies in pay levels and benefits."

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Correspondents columns will be found on pages 4 and 5 of this edition of the Labor Journal. Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 6.

Strictly from hunger

EDITOR'S CHAIR
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Stores don't pass on lower prices

By **SIDNEY MARGOLIUS**
Consumer Expert for Labor Journal

Farm prices have been going down recently but you continue to pay record-high retail prices.

A study by this department of government price statistics shows that food manufacturers and retailers simply are not passing on to consumers the current lower costs of many important farm crops, or are doing so only reluctantly in the form of temporary "specials."

For example, the farm value of the foods in the "family market basket" (the foods used by an average household in a year) dropped to \$484 early this summer.

THIS is a drop of 4.4 per cent from the farm value in the first quarter of the year. But retail prices have stayed the same; even have gone a little higher. The market basket now costs you \$1.227.

Last winter farmers were getting 41 cents of the dollar you pay for food. They now are getting only 39 cents.

The stores especially are nicking the public for additional margin on beef. The U.S.D.A.

Marketing & Transportation Situation report shows that beef prices recently have been running 1½ cents a pound more than a year ago even though the farm price actually has gone down 6 cents a pound.

This increase was mainly in the carcass-retail marketing spread, which is primarily the retailer's margin, the U.S.D.A. reports. The farm-carcass marketing spread also increased, so the meat packers are getting a little extra margin too.

BUT THE processors and retailers also are getting more margin this year on pork, which has gone down over 6 cents a pound at the farm but less than two cents a pound at retail.

Here the retailers have been getting about 60 per cent of the increased margin and meat packers, 40 per cent.

The middlemen also have increased their share of your food dollar on fresh fruits and vegetables. As you no doubt have noticed, the prices of many fresh fruits have been shockingly high this summer; 30 to 50 per cent more on some varieties than a year ago.

In general, an average house-

hold (which includes single persons as well as families) now is paying \$89 a year more for food in the past year and a half. Of this increase in retail price, farmers are getting \$34 and the middleman, \$55.

In place of generally-reduced prices in step with the lower farm prices, retailers are tending to offer more specials, especially on various cuts of pork and hams, but also on some cuts of beef and broilers.

HOW MUCH can you trust advertised specials in food stores?

About half are genuine specials, according to a detailed survey in one city by students of Dr. Richard Morse, head of the Family Economics Department at Kansas State University.

The students checked prices in 10 stores, including four chain supermarkets. They checked the advertised specials and noted availability, and then came back two weeks and four weeks later to check the current prices of the same items.

The price checkers found that genuine specials ranged from 24 to 89 per cent of the items advertised, with an over-all average of 50 per cent. Over half of the "specials" of the national chain supermarkets were the same price when checked two and four weeks later.

The "specials" of independent stores were more likely to be genuine. Two-thirds or more were featured at prices lower

than the prices two and four weeks later.

WHAT ABOUT the availability of "specials?" Consumers often find they sometimes are not available when they get to the stores.

One retired reader reports that he went to a chain supermarket that had advertised a special on broilers. He found none. The manager explained that the trailer had not arrived yet. He went to another store but saw none of the broilers on the counter that it had advertised. He determinedly went right into the back room. The "sale" chickens were there all right—piled in a cart.

Many people, of course, who do not find "sale" items at the meat counter simply buy the "regular-price" items. Some of the more determined ones, such as the old-timers who survived the depression, insist on getting the advertised special.

For that reason, some supermarkets now offer "rain checks." In fact, some of the more alert local weights and measures departments insist that they do.

This is some help but requires a return shopping trip, and is no substitute for honest advertising to start with, and careful checking by both the newspapers which publish the ads and weights and measures dept.

The Kansas students did find that 96 per cent of the advertised items were available in the eight stores they checked. But other experiences indicate that the problem of availability most often occurs in the most important sale item—meats and poultry.

YOU ALSO have to watch to make sure the items are actually marked with the "special" price. The Kansas students found some stores marked all the items with the special price but others marked as few as one out of four. On the average, seven out of ten "sale" items were marked with the special price. If not, the checkout clerk may tend to charge the regular price.

The students also found indications that some stores advertised fictitiously-high "regular" prices. The prices two and four weeks after the "sale" were lower than the previously-quoted "regular" price.

To protect yourself against the stores' practice of offering "specials" instead of reducing prices more generally when farm prices drop, you have to shop for specials. But then, as these experiences have shown, you have to make sure they really are genuine reductions, and that they are available.

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YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

by Sidney Margolius

DO YOU REALLY OWN IT?

IF "IT" IS AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE, YOU PROBABLY DON'T OWN IT UNTIL THE LAST PAYMENT IS MADE. MOST INSTALLMENT CONTRACTS ARE "CONDITIONAL SALES CONTRACTS." THEY PROVIDE THAT TITLE TO THE CAR OR OTHER GOODS DOES NOT PASS TO THE BUYER UNTIL ALL PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE ACCORDING TO THE CONTRACT. THE MERCHANDISE CAN BE REPOSSESSED IF PAYMENTS ARE NOT MADE!



IF YOU EVER CAN'T MEET PAYMENTS, TRY TO ARRANGE FOR ANOTHER BUYER TO TAKE OVER THE GOODS. IF YOU LET THE GOODS BE REPOSSESSED YOU MAY LOSE ALL YOU ALREADY PAID AND EVEN OWE A "DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT" FOR MOST OF THE BALANCE PLUS REPOSSESSION COSTS.

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Support to class action consumer suit bill urged

The Association of California Consumers this week urged Californians to wire Senators Alan Cranston and George Murphy asking support to class action bills without the crippling amendments the Nixon administration is backing.

Class action suits against consumer fraud or price-fixing would benefit all victims of the practice if damages are won.

Nixon's Department of Justice is seeking a bill requiring that it may not sue on behalf of a class until it has successfully prosecuted one consumer suit on the issue.

"Having to prosecute one case before going ahead on behalf of a class of similarly aggrieved individuals negates the concept of class action," Association President Don Vial said.

Getting Your Money's Worth

Most users will probably be best satisfied with a conventional blanket made of acrylic fiber, says Consumer Reports. Its conclusion follows tests of conventional and thermal-weave blankets of wool, cotton, acrylic, and of polyurethane foam blankets covered with nylon flock.

The consumer magazine did not rate blankets containing high percentages of rayon, even though they are the cheapest, because in the past they have been found to be dangerously flammable.

CONSUMERS UNION, the non-profit product-testing organization, advises against buying blankets with a rayon component of 50 per cent or higher because of the potential flammability hazard.

As a group, says Consumer Reports, the conventional acrylics were the warmest, followed fairly closely by the polyurethanes and conventional wools.

The thermal weaves were least warm. "Acrylic is generally stronger, lighter and a better value than wool," says the October-issue report rating 27 blanket models.

In discussing the warmth of a blanket, Consumer Reports explains that trapped air makes a blanket warm, and generally thickness would indicate warmth in blankets. "Weight doesn't contribute to a blanket's warmth," the magazine says, adding though that the feel of a heavy

blanket might provide "psychological" comfort.

POLYURETHANE - BASED blankets were found appreciably less strong than the other types of blankets tested, said Consumer Reports, "and we cannot feel confident that they would stand up to any but the most careful use." Polyurethane blankets were rated "Fair" by the consumer-advisory organization.

By law, all fibers must be labeled generically—for example, acrylics with the word "acrylic"—in addition to brand names that may be featured on some labels.

Consumer Reports says you should take a bit of trouble when you wash a blanket. "Use detergent scantily and keep the water lukewarm—or even cold, especially with wools. Set your machine for short, slow agitation and spin, and don't put more than one blanket in a wash load."

LOAD CAREFULLY to avoid unbalancing the wash tub, the magazine advises, keep items that pick up lint out of that wash, and be sure the lint traps of your washer and dryer are clean.

Tumble drying is preferred, but if you do dry on a line, drape the blanket lengthwise and avoid clothespins.

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POSTMASTER: PLEASE SEND CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICES, FORM 3579, TO 1622 EAST TWELFTH STREET, OAKLAND, CALIF. 94606.

Riles charges incumbent 'isn't there to do the job'

Wilson Riles, labor-endorsed candidate for superintendent of schools, was campaigning on two fronts — blunt analysis of the incumbent superintendent's shortcomings and Riles' own program for better education for California's children.

Riles, in statewide appearances noted that the incumbent had allowed more than \$500,000 in federal aid to California schools to be unspent and revert to Washington, while the state's schools badly needed money.

The reason, said Riles, is that the incumbent superintendent, Maxwell Rafferty, "isn't there to do the job (but) he's out making 200 speeches a year or running for Senator." (Rafferty was de-

feated for U.S. Senator by Senator Alan Cranston in 1968, despite Rafferty's well-financed campaign.)

Riles pledged he would shift the school tax burden to the broader state tax base, taking it off the shoulders of local taxpayers.

And, he said, he would make sure that school children get their texts on the first day of school instead of present delays in getting books to children.

Another Riles plan for action is to cool student unrest by giving students better education in which they can become involved.

Despite the incumbent superintendent's toying with locker searches and study committees, drug abuse among juveniles is up 200 per cent over 10 years ago, he said.

He pledged to place in every school a comprehensive program on the dangers of drug abuse.

Riles promised to launch a master plan for early education to strengthen the early grades.

While Rafferty boasts that state reading scores have "skyrocketed," Riles pointed out that State Legislative Analyst Alan Post had found any changes to be "of negligible impact."

Hayward teacher wins court order for \$773 back pay

The President of the Hayward Federation of Teachers—who left the rival California Teachers Association after it refused to handle his pay case—has won a court decision upholding his claim for \$773 in back raises.

He is Lewis Hedgecock, who joined the Hayward school system in February, 1966 and sought his first year's pay step raise after 12 months employment.

School administrators told him that the raise was due on a school year basis, not a 12 month basis. The CTA, while agreeing that his case was meritorious, told him it wouldn't handle the case because it had no precedent value, his attorney, Stewart Weinberg, reported.

Hedgecock later became an active member of the union and was elected president.

He sued in superior court and won a writ of mandate from Superior Judge William Brailsford, ordering him restored to the salary level he sought.

In defending against his suit, the Hayward schools noted it had precedent value—and would mean at least \$25,000 in back raises to other teachers in his position.

Meade hits Mulford, Reagan for area's plight

In the 13 years in which the incumbent Sixteenth District Assemblyman has been in office, conditions for East Bay residents have become steadily worse, COPE-endorsed Assembly candidate Ken Meade declared.

He told the Oakland Exchange Club that there is a growing conviction that no one in authority, including his opponent and Governor Reagan, "is coming up with very good answers."

"Our skies are dirtier, our Bay is threatened with stagnation," Meade declared. "Unemployment is high and getting higher, there is oppressive poverty amid our affluence, right here in Oakland, and hungry children."

"Our educational system is on the verge of financial collapse, property owners are being suffocated by rising taxes."

"Serious crime had more than doubled in the last four years. Public buildings have been bombed, policemen shot, college students gassed, clubbed, shot."

He noted the ties between the Sixteenth District incumbent, Don Mulford, and Reagan and warned that people "are losing faith in our system of government and in so-called political



KEN MEADE

leaders like Don Mulford and Ronald Reagan."

When elected, Meade pledged, he will work for real tax reform—not the Reagan version of tax breaks to the wealthy and extra tax loads on working people.

"Homeowners, poor people and older citizens are penalized because of our regressive system of

taxation and because rich people and large corporations find ways to escape paying their fair share," he declared.

He will work toward a tax system in which "taxpayers would contribute according to their ability to pay, not their ability to escape paying," Meade promised.

Meade has also called for a special session of the Legislature for property tax relief for the homeowners burned out in the recent disastrous Oakland hills fire.

Another needed measure, he said, is catastrophe insurance underwritten by the state, and possibly retroactive to cover the Oakland fire victims.

He noted that, while the State Division of Forestry's fire-retardant planes played a major part in controlling the Oakland fire, Reagan has cut back its budget along with those of other major agencies serving the people.

"Such acts as trimming the budget for the Division of Forestry and trimming a much-deserved pay raise for the Highway Patrol shows that the governor's 'economy' is really false economy," Meade said.

Senior citizens club sets meeting next Wednesday

Senior Citizens Club 1389, sponsored by Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546, will meet at 1 p.m. next Wednesday, October 14, at the Lodge 1546 building, 10260 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland.

All retired working people are invited, Secretary Ed T. Merritt said. Refreshments will be served.

A major item of business will be the organizing committee report, urging action to influence non-affiliated senior citizens clubs to join the National Council of Senior Citizens.

Increased Club 1389's membership is also a major objective, said Merritt who heads the club organizing committee and is a member of the National Council's national organizing committee.



JAMES BOOE is the new vice president of Communications Workers of America District 9, succeeding Richard Hackler who has become an assistant to CWA President Joseph A. Beirne. The district covers California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii.

Labor Federation protests insurance unionist's firing

The California Labor Federation took on the Civil Service Employees Insurance Company of San Francisco for firing of a union president who had led an organizing campaign.

"Organized labor cannot support or deal with firms that attempt to enlarge their own profits by engaging in selfish campaigns that seek to deny workers their right to a union contract and independent representation in matters directly affecting their economic and social well being," Labor Federation Secretary John F. Henning wrote the firm.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council had previously urged affiliates not to do business with the company until the dispute is settled.

The Insurance Workers International Union won a National Labor Relations Board secret ballot election in June, 1968 but certification was delayed until last June by a company unfair labor practices charge.

Local Union President Al Hermes was fired July 1, 1970 on charges that he violated company rules and made unauthorized use of company material and equipment.

But, union spokesmen said, the specifics of those charges are that Hermes distributed union material on the premises during his lunch hour and that he re-

plied to a company memo with company paper and a company typewriter.

Hermes, still jobless after three months, has filed unfair labor practices charges against the firm. He learned recently that the company is challenging his right to unemployment insurance benefits on grounds he was fired for misconduct.

Another labor group which has protested the case is Social Services Union Local 535 which told the company it would not consider doing business with it until Hermes is reinstated and good faith bargaining begins.

Local 335 told company President Nettle Mosconi that it would ask its parent Service Employees Union, with more than 80,000 California members to do the same.

Mosconi can be reached at Civil Service Employees Insurance Company Post Office Box 567, San Francisco 94101.

Second furniture company settles

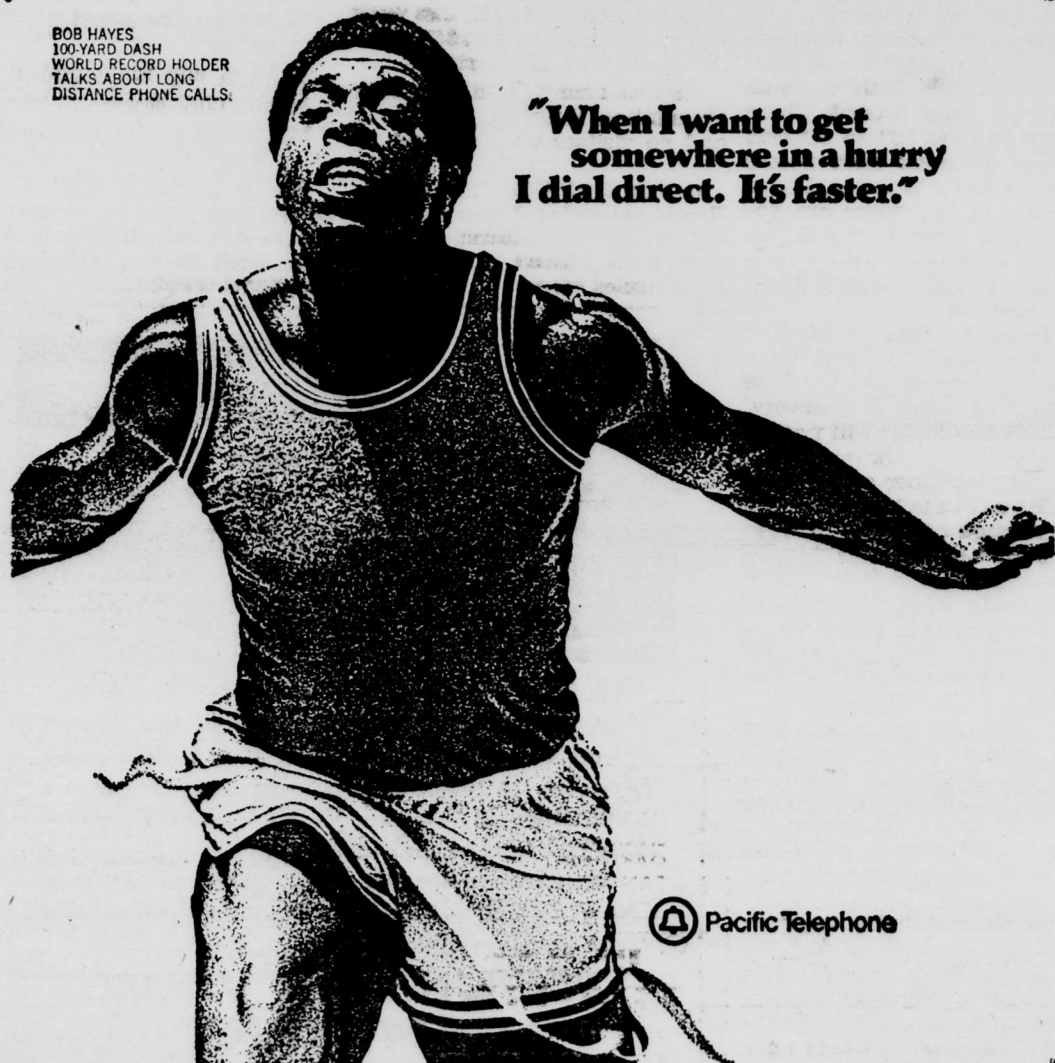
A San Francisco firm broke away from the Furniture Manufacturers Association of Northern California and signed to union terms as the strike of Upholsterers Local 28 continued in the Bay Area.

Signing was S. Brown Company. It joined Kaye Chesterfield of Oakland, which had agreed to union proposals before beginning of the strike, now in its third week.

Key issues as 200 unionists remained on strike were wages and a union proposal exempt from the contract's no-strike provision job action to collect unpaid wages and benefits.

No progress was reported in negotiations.

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Chips and Chatter

BY GUNNAR (BENNY) BENONYS

Received a nice letter from Frank A. Ohlson thanking me for his Readers Reward items. He says "Hello" to all the Brothers and states that he enjoys bowling. How about a league for retired carpenters? Any ideas?

Roy T. Cook wrote us and enclosed a nice joke story. Arthur G. Wright dropped us a line from Springfield, Oregon. Howard B. Deen wrote to say "put my number in the pot for Readers Reward."

What is Readers Reward? You'll never know till you enter and win!

Gerald L. Woodworth writes to say "How about negotiating a four day work week?" What are your ideas? What do you want in the new agreement. Let us hear from you.

Uncle Benny observes, "It's a good thing to get in and dig, but be careful which way you throw the dirt!"

Wanted! Twenty-eight carpenter apprentices for Peace Corp work in Peru to assist in rebuilding schools and homes in the disaster area. Training will start in November in the Virgin Islands.

Single males are preferred, but eight married couples can be accommodated. All expenses will be paid. At the completion of your term, you would receive approximately \$1,500 after taxes.

All living expenses and incidentals are paid for you. Journeymen are also wanted. Other programs are available in other countries also. For further details call Lois Marks at 556-8400 or drop in at her office at Peace Corp, 681 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

Cousin Al comments, "You can't always judge by appearances. The early bird may have been up all night!"

Lil' GeeGee, our office vamp says, "A dime is a dollar with all the taxes taken out!"

Brother Brent MacInnis is back at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. 3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto. He says, "Huuva paaiva otta hillia" to all his Finn Brothers.

Brother Abe Greitzer was pleasantly surprised when he attended a recent meeting of the Carquinez Chapter of De Molay. His two grandsons, Neil Kantor, (Past Master De Molay) and Kenny Kantor, 15 years old, had a big Birthday cake there for him on his 66th birthday!

Brother George Collins stopped in to say "Hello." He is still up and around. Looks good and has his tank of oxygen handy at all times.

Brother Henry Repard raised a very fine point at Thursday's union meeting. There are only 16 or 17 meetings between us and our negotiations for a new contract. Why not have every Brother bring another with him to the next union meeting? A grand idea. Let's all try to increase the attendance this way. Lots of ideas were discussed. Come join the debates!

Wilfred and Mary Campbell just returned from a seven weeks trip to Long Island, New York; Maine, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and three other Maritime Canadian Provinces. Visited relatives and saw lots of lush, green lands, had lots of rain on the trip and are "real glad to get back to California." Flew both ways from San Francisco.

The California unemployment rolls are still at a 30-year high mark, up to 6.5 per cent.

Over 561,000 persons were registered as looking for work in July. The welfare case load has increased nearly 60 per cent in California since the present Reagan administration took office.

An even grimmer sign of the

deepening Recession was reflected in the number of persons out of work for 15 weeks or more.

In August this figure rose to 735,000 persons, nearly double the number a year ago. Among construction workers, the overall jobless rate jumped from 11 per cent to 12.2 per cent. In some specific trades, the percentage rises to 20, 30 and 40 per cent!

Attend YOUR own UNION meeting as regularly as you can, especially in the coming few months. We want and need your participation, please come often. See you at the next meeting, Brother?

AFSCME 371 'Info'

BY NAT DICKERSON

A quite unique aspect of Local 371 operations is the lack of total membership participation.

Whether this is due to membership confidence or lack of interest is not easily discernable.

Nevertheless, our last few meetings have not shown an attendance warranting the well-established reputation of the Local for concrete accomplishments.

No matter how competent an Executive Committee may be, a feeling of support from the general membership is indispensable.

Without the inspiration given to the Executive Board by members, there are sometimes deep feelings of frustration and doubt as to whether or not indifference is the cause for non-attendance.

We are constrained to listen to numerous complaints concerning decisions made by the Executive Board and the few members at regular meetings, which is another form of oppression—though from a peculiar quarter!

If indifference is the basis for this non-attendance, nothing else could be more advantageous to our adversaries during these critical times.

At almost no other time during the history of the Labor Movement have there been so many critical issues before us—crises intertwining the adversely negative areas of local, national and international problems.

Especially do these problems apply to Public Employees.

At a time when more—not less—solidarity and unity of spirit is essential, a let-down in commitments could be tragic.

Why should the past accomplishments of our Local be jeopardized by a lack of participation during an era when it is needed most?

Fight we must, to preserve what benefits we now have, plus moving forward towards advanced concepts of progress in union matters.

We must not permit personality conflicts to destroy the greater impact of Union Solidarity.

If there are other explanations or reasons for the first mentioned phenomena, we shall be delighted to receive them.

Barbers 134

BY JACK M. REED

Brothers, we are looking forward to a big night on Monday October 12, starting at 7 p.m. at Goodman's Hall in Jack London Square when all Union barbers will be the guests of Charles O. Finley for a banquet, cocktails, and a program to familiarize you with the sport of Ice Hockey. As the insert stated, no extra guests. If you are planning to attend, mail the post card in. Let's make this a big gathering.

Attended the Northern Area Council Meet last Sunday that was held in Napa. The reports from the other locals indicated

that business is bad. In fact so bad in the San Jose area that 47 shops (mostly scab) have or are about to close. It is too bad that a few of these "cut-raters" don't close in this area.

Plans are being made to hold the Northern Area California Style Show and Competitions at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco on Sunday, April 18, 1971. This will take place before the All-American Barber and Beauty Spectacular sponsored by the International Union that will also be held in San Francisco on the tentative dates of August 29 and 30, 1971.

On the job market I have not had any calls for Journeymen or Apprentices for the past few weeks. Everything seems to be at a standstill.

Our Hair Style class has been started and we could use one or two more students.

Sheet Metal Workers 216

BY KEITH & JIM

For your own "Bread and Butter," please when you are on a job and some other craft is installing your work, call us immediately. Example: If the carpenters are installing any type of flashing, plaster ground, etc., the plumbers installing any type of leader pipe, copper, plastic or regular pipe, or any other craft infringing on our work, please call us. We can't make an attempt to secure this work if you do not let us know where the jobs are. It's up to every man to police their own jobs because we cannot be everywhere at once. You know just as well as we do that once another craft gets your work you are out of luck in getting it back. We all know what happened to corrugated iron, aluminum store front, round duct, etc. These items referred to above could have made your unemployment problem almost nil. All year long, please let us know where any infringements on our work are being made so we can act on it immediately. Don't forget we are here to serve you.

The unemployment situation is up this week. We have around 50 men out of work with several large jobs coming to an end. Keep us advised of our work being done by other on any jobs. Be alert. This is our Union!

The following men have contributed to P.A.L., Joe McCoy, Gerhard Heppel, Gabriel Rocha and Ralph Fernandez. We hope that everyone will give at least \$1 to P.A.L. It's such a small amount for your benefit. There are only 25 days left to election time and we must elect people who are friendly to Labor. I hope that some of our wives are donating their time to P.A.L. (as mentioned in last week's column) so that this election will be our election.

We talked to Verd. Cooley and Willie Carodine this past week and were informed that they are both on the road to recovery. Verd, said his doctor will not let him return to work until the middle of November at the earliest. He was in the hospital three weeks because of a heart attack. Willie's problem was kidney stones and he said that within several weeks his doctor will release him for work. Percy Thorndarson called and informed us that he will not be able to work until released by his doctor.

The next Tri-State meeting will be held at Tahoe, October 8, 9 and 10. Your two delegates, Fred Harmon and Bill Maddox, will attend. One of the most important items coming up is the election of officers for the next three years.

All members drawing vacation monies should consider that the Wells Fargo Bank pays interest on vacation money quarterly—in December, March, June and September. The interest rate is 4 per cent and some members do have

enough money in the fund that they should work the interest to their advantage.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—SELL NOT VIRTUE TO PURCHASE WEALTH, NOR LIBERTY TO PURCHASE POWER.—FRANKLIN.

Regular union meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m., Labor Temple, Oakland.

Members of the Tri-State Council Death Benefit Plan please note that Death Assessment No. 681 is now due and payable.

Steamfitters 342

BY JIM MARTIN

This past week we moved into our Union's new home at 1010 Shary Court in Concord with things shaping up fairly good. However, after 20 years in the Labor Temple, it is quite a chore. If you have not already done so, stop by and take a tour through the offices and the proposed training center.

Need we say that our Union's employment situation continues on the upgrade.

Nominations of our Union's officers for the new three-year term of office as outlined in the United Association Constitution will be held at our Union's next membership meeting on November 5th, 1970, in Hall "M" of the Labor Temple.

A list of the offices to be filled will be mailed to you shortly for the December 13, 1970 election.

Also at the above mentioned meeting, nominations will be held for our Delegates to the United Association National Convention and the California Pipe Trades Convention, both to be held in 1971.

There are openings in the Skilled Improvement Committee's program, so why not take advantage and improve your skills. For information pertaining to same, please contact Brother Roy Turley.

Please plan to attend our membership meeting on November 5th.

Carmen's aide McClure stricken

Financial Secretary W. F. McClure of Carmen's Division 192 suffered a heart attack last week in front of his home at 2638 Tassajara Avenue, El Cerrito.

He was hospitalized at Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Richmond, and no visitors were allowed.

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Carpenters Auxiliary 160

BY BARBARA LINDER

Hi Ladies:

Plans for the Halloween Party and Covered Dish Dinner were completed at the last meeting. Sister Opal Moore requested that anyone attending the Halloween Party bring either a Casserole, a Salad, or a Dessert.

Please bring enough for eight (8) people. We are looking forward to seeing any carpenter and his wife at the Party. Remember costumes are optional but that prizes will be given for the best. It should be a real fun and games night. See you on Friday, October 30, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carpenters Hall, 8460 Enterprise Way, Oakland.

Congratulations to Sister Bea Christensen who was made an honorary member at our meeting. Also belated but sincere thanks were expressed to Sister Ethel Meyers at the last meeting when she was given her long overdue Past President's Pin. Thanks again for a job well done, Ethel.

Sister Edna Yetter started her Christmas shopping early and came upon union made Christmas cards. Many Ladies may not be aware that the only way to tell "Union" Christmas Cards is to look for the label in the center back of the card.

For those of you who have not been able to find "Union" Christmas cards, Sister Edna found hers at the Gift Box, inside Russ Craft Hobby Shop, 6015 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland, 632-6521. There is a 15 per cent discount and on all cash orders they give double S & H Green Stamps. Both offers end Saturday, October 17, 1970. They are open on Friday nights until 7 p.m.

For you ladies with a sweet tooth, send your husbands to the next union meeting as the Auxiliary members are now selling Kathy Biech Candies. They have six different varieties to choose from. The profits from the candy sales will be used for their Christmas projects.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

Provided by a friend.

- 1 cup salad macaroni, boiled
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup chopped stuffed green olives
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
- ½ to ¾ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup chili sauce
- Mix thoroughly. Chill. Serves 6.

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THE GARDENS OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Here amid the everchanging color of the season's flowers and trees, visitors appreciate the quiet, green haven that is Mountain View Cemetery. For over a hundred years, Mountain View's substantial endowment care fund has provided a scene of beauty in which the departed are honored in settings left to individual choice. Ground burial, cremation, indoor and outdoor crypts are all available.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY

3000 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland. 658-2588

Watchmakers 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

This is the time of year that we here in the office always hold our breath in anticipation of what the outcome of our negotiations with both Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and the Insurance Company who carries those members who have chosen Group coverage, will come up with relative to premium costs for the coming contract.

Our contract with both Kaiser and the Insurance Company expires on November 30, 1970, after which time, we sign new contracts for the coming year.

We have already been advised by Kaiser Foundation Health Plan that there will be an increase in their premium, however, as yet, we have heard nothing from the Insurance Company.

They say no news is good news, however, with the costs of medical services increasing as they have in the past year, we are not at all optimistic. Will advise on this at a later date.

FOR SALE: We have been asked to notify the members that one of our members has for sale a bench, tools and new material. This member is going to retire from watch repair due to age, however, is going into the clock repair field. He is in the Sacramento area and if you are interested in any of the aforementioned, please telephone the union office 421-1968 and we shall be happy to give you the information, as we know him to be a good mechanic.

SAN FRANCISCO MEMBERSHIP MEETING—The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15, 1970 at 7:30 p.m., union office, 693 Mission Street, Room 707, San Francisco.

Millmen's 550

BY ARSIE BROWN

From the Los Angeles Citizen, September 18, 1970:

"Unemployment remained at recession levels during August as increased joblessness among blue collar workers cancelled out an upturn in white collar employment.

"The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up from 5 per cent in July to 5.1 per cent in August, the highest it has been in six years.

"One year ago the jobless rate was 3.5 per cent.

"The monthly report of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics showed a sharp rise in blue collar unemployment from 6.6 per cent in July to 7 per cent in August.

"Construction unemployment already a high 11 per cent in July shot up to 12.2 per cent in August."

The "acceptable unemployment policies of the Nixon administration, together with the Reagan tagalong construction cutback policies, are without question responsible for the joblessness among blue collar workers in California.

The blue collar worker has been shortchanged under the Reagan-Nixon policies. But now the President has ordered Agnew out to capture the blue collar Democratic vote, telling Agnew they have the Republican vote but that isn't enough—to win the Republicans must get the Democratic working man's vote.

The President's statement is correct, but if I were in his shoes I don't believe I would count too heavily upon receiving that vote.

Mr. Blue Collar Worker, just remember when you hear the Vice President talking those unheard of tongue twisting words, that those words won't buy you any more bread and butter than "acceptable unemployment" will. Both are one big joke.

Unionists back Dellums campaign

A labor committee to work for election of COPE-endorsed Ronald V. Dellums for Seventh District Congressman was named last week by President Russell R. Crowell and Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx of the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

Dellums, a Berkeley city councilman, is the Democratic nominee for the post at the November 3 general election.

He won COPE endorsement on his support of improved pay and conditions for Berkeley city employees, his action for the recently-concluded boycott of non-union grapes and for the General Electric boycott during the GE strike.

Accepting membership on the committee, besides Crowell and Groulx, were these unionists:

Ed Cordeiro, Carmen's Division 192; Mike Anthony, Fire Fighters Local 55; Leah Newberry, Office & Professional Employees Local 29; Carl Jaramillo, Paint Makers Local 1975; Labor Council Assistant Secretary Ed Collins, Florence Graham, Glass Bottle Blowers Association Local 141; Pat Sander, Cooks Local 228; Fredrick Sullivan, Printing Specialties District Council 5; Robert Luster, Laundry & Dry Cleaning Local 2; C. D. Parker, Industrial Iron & Metal Processing Local 2088; Russel Mathiesen, Retail Clerks Local 770; Paul Varacalli, United Public Employees Local 390, and Bill Burks, Hospital Workers Local 250.

Justin cowboy boot goes union

The Justin boot, footwear for cowboys for almost 100 years, has gone union. The people who make it in Fort Worth, Texas, voted 256 to 133 in a National Labor Relations Board election to be represented by the Shoe Workers.

Produced since 1879, the Justin boot has been worn by movie and television cowboys as well as by the genuine article.

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I certify that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.		
J. L. CHILDERS, President		

Tunney ahead; steps up campaign

COPE-endorsed John V. Tunney was 12 percentage points ahead of his Republican opponent for U.S. Senator this week in a voter preference poll—and he was stepping up his campaign to keep and increase the lead.

Congressman Tunney was the choice of 51 per cent of voters interviewed by Communications Research Center, a leading opinion research firm, to 39 per cent for GOP Senator George Murphy.

The remainder was undecided or committed to minor party candidates in the survey of a cross-section 995 registered voters who indicated they would vote November 3. The poll was taken the week of September 22.

A key factor in the results was a movement of undecided voters to Tunney. The Quayle poll in June gave Tunney 45 per cent, Murphy 40, undecided 14 and minor candidates 1.

The lead seesawed back to Murphy in the Field Poll in August, when results were Tunney 42 per cent, Murphy 45, others 2 and undecided 11.

The current poll whittles undecided voters down to 7 per cent, and gave Tunney his first majority.

Heartened by the results, Tunney was still plugging away at his opponent's bad record this week.

He attacked Murphy proposals aimed at the right to strike. Late last month the GOP incumbent told Hughes Aircraft Company employees in Culver City that unions should submit disputes with management to special labor courts, rather than using their muscle in a strike.

In an address to the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Tunney said Murphy's statement amounted to "the greatest peril to organized labor in California since 'right to work' was defeated in 1958."

Murphy, a former Technicolor executive who remained on

Technicolor's payroll after election, "has always been on the side of monopoly business and against labor," Tunney charged.

Asked by reporters what would happen if labor refused to accept a contract imposed by his "labor court," Murphy declared, "they would have to accept the opinion of the court."

Tunney listed his opponent's votes against Medicare, against the Elementary & Secondary Education Act, against gun control and control of sale of hand grenades and bombs, against repeal of "right-to-work" Section 14 (b) of the Taft-Hartley Act, against even an increase in the minimum wage.

Tunney's own record includes authorship of legislation for comprehensive tax reform, educational aid to Viet Nam veterans, prevention of juvenile delinquency, federal grants for farm worker housing, national clean air standards, school milk program funds and for a number of conservation projects.

National health insurance urged to meet crisis

Nixon bans new health plan

The Nixon administration turned thumbs down on the newest proposal for national health insurance.

Under Secretary John G. Veneman of Health, Education & Welfare told the Senate Labor & Public Welfare Committee that 80 per cent of Americans under 65 have "some kind of private health insurance coverage" and those over 65 have Medicare coverage.

Texas Democratic Senator Ralph Yarborough and Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, are the chief sponsors of the bill introduced by 16 Senators from both parties.

Yarborough said that 36,300,000 Americans have no hospital insurance, 38,800,000 have no surgical insurance, 102,000,000 are not covered for visits by physicians, 173,000,000 do not have dental care insurance and 168,000,000 are not covered for drugs.

Veneman put a price tag of \$77,000,000 on the measure and called it "entirely alien to our basic traditions."

"The health care system is in a shambles," said Yarborough, predicting that soon only the wealthiest will be able to afford proper health care unless the government steps in. Many persons in slums and in rural areas have no access to a physician, he said.

needed to make a better health care delivery system."

U. S. health care quality compares favorably with that of other nations, "provided you can get the care," he observed.

Fair said the labor movement has made national health insurance a high priority legislative goal.

He declined to speculate when national health insurance will become law, but said it won't take as long as Medicare did, which was introduced in 1957 and became law in 1965.

People know of the rapid rise of medical costs and the difficulty of obtaining care, and they

recognize "the need for change," he said.

Another strong plea for national health insurance came from the American Assembly, a non-partisan educational group affiliated with Columbia University.

Participants in a four day assembly meeting in New York, called to consider "The Health of Americans" included AFL-CIO Social Security Director Bert Seidman.

In a final report, the meeting declared the nation is facing a health crisis "manifested by inadequate medical services, which are themselves fragmented, inefficient, inequitably distributed and uncoordinated."

Nixon attack on prevailing wage told

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employment insurance appeals boards against workers.

The Nixon plan is in a confidential Labor Department proposal disclosed by International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers President Charles H. Pillard to locals and turned over to the BTC by Business Manager Tom Sweeney of IBEW Local 595.

The proposed requirement that 51 per cent or more workers in an area must be at union scale before union pay prevails means "contractors are going to scout for the cheapest wage they can find to use for an average," Childers warned.

"Non-union contractors would be favored," he said.

Another feature of the plan,

disclosed by Pillard, is to eliminate reference to federal or state apprenticeship agencies and to use "apprentice" and "trainee" synonymously. It would allow learners to set their own wage and training programs with the contractor, subject to federal administrators' approval.

The BTC voted to alert its affiliates to the "destructive effect" of the Nixon proposals and to urge pressure on Congress and the administration to abandon them.

Noting the parallel with Reagan administration job safety tactics, Childers declared, "the safety laws and regulations are there but by administrative regulations it is impossible for the safety inspector to do his job."

Art sale Sunday to benefit Riles

An auction of the work of more than 40 Northern California artists is set for San Francisco next Sunday, October 11, to raise campaign funds for Wilson Riles, COPE-endorsed candidate for state superintendent of public instruction.

The event will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Berkeley Gallery, 370 Brannan Street, San Francisco. It will include a fashion display, art bazaar and entertainment. Admission is \$2 and tickets may be purchased at the door.

OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

Regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. in our building at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LEVIN CHARLES,
Recording Secretary

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

Under our Constitution and By-laws, notice is hereby given of the nominations for the following offices:

President, vice president, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer, sentinel, conductor, one trustee, directing business representative, eight business representatives, members of the executive board, law committee, trust and welfare committee, delegates to the California Conference of Machinists and the California Labor Federation.

The nominations will take place at the regular meeting on November 3 at our building located at 10260 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland.

The nominations will be made orally from the floor and the names of all the nominees will be read by the recording secretary at the close of nominations.

Fraternally,
LEVIN CHARLES,
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

Auto, Marine & Specialty Painters 1176 meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month in Room H, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

IRON WORKERS 378

Our Regular Executive Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 8 p.m.

Stewards meetings also are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 8 p.m.

Our regular membership meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
BOB McDONALD,
Business Agent

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The Regular Meeting of the California, Oakland Unified School Employees Local Union 257 will be held on Saturday, October 10, 1970, at 10:30 a.m. in the Castlemont High School Auditorium, 8601 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, California.

The Executive Board will meet at 8:00 a.m. in Community Room. All Board Members please take note.

The regular meeting of the Cafeteria Workers will follow at 1:30 p.m. in the same auditorium at Castle-mont.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER,
Executive Secretary

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley, Ca.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Rec.-Sec.

MILLMEN'S UNION 550

The next regular meeting of Millmen's Union 550 will be held on Friday, October 16, 1970 in room 229, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Effective October 1, 1970 the strike assessment will be discontinued.

Fraternally,
ODUS G. HOWARD,
Financial Secretary

DON'T BUY any Hearst publication while Hearst hires scabs in Los Angeles.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. with a social following the meeting on the fourth Thursday.

The office of the financial secretary is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays, and 7:30 a.m. to noon Fridays.

Stewards meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. A stewards training program is held in conjunction with the stewards meeting.

Fraternally,
JOHN C. DAVIS,
President
KYLE MOON,
Recording Secretary

SERVICE EMPLOYEES 18

General membership meetings of Service Employees Local 18 are held at 3 p.m. the fourth Friday of each month in Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
BEN J. TUSI,
Secretary

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local 194 meets the first and third Monday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building, located at 2201 Central Avenue, Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the Canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your Local's meetings.

Fraternally,
WM. "BILL" LEWIS,
Recording Secretary

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 3

General membership meeting Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, the fourth Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
JACK KENNEDY,
Business Representative

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. in Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
TED E. AHL,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

The regular meetings for Carpenters Local Union 36 are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8460 Enterprise Way, Oakland, California 94621, at 8 p.m. Phone 569-3465.

The hours of the Financial Secretary's office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday the office closes at 1 p.m.

Stewards meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month, at the hall.

Fraternally,
ALLEN L. LINDER,
Recording Secretary

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 678

Meeting second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. in Cannery Workers Hall, 492 C Street, Hayward, California.

Fraternally,
JOSEPH CABRAL,
Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

The regular meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
FRED HARMON,
Business Manager

CARMEN'S UNION 192

Our next regular meeting will be held on October 5, Monday, at the Cooks Union Hall, 16th and Webster Streets, Oakland. Three meetings at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
MIKE CHUBA,
Recording Secretary

U.C. EMPLOYEES 371

Our next regular meeting will be on October 10, 1970 at 155 Kroeber Hall at 2 p.m. preceded by the Executive Board meeting. There will be a Stewards' meeting also.

Negotiations will start soon. Let's have a large turnout. Now is the time to stand behind your Union!

Fraternally,
J. J. SANTORO,
Secretary-Treasurer

BARBERS 134

The regular October meeting will be held on Thursday night, October 22, 1970 at the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Streets, Oakland. Second reading will be held on Resolution to raise Apprentice and Journeyman weekly and daily guarantees to coincide with recent price raise.

Oakland Seals ice hockey team (Charles O. Finley) sponsoring Gala Barbers Night Monday night, October 12, 1970 at Goodman's Hall in Jack London Square. Free cocktail hour, banquet and program, and free tickets to ice hockey games. Don't miss this!

Hair Style class has room for two more students. Call me immediately. Last call.

Fraternally,
JACK M. REED,
Secretary-Treasurer

PAINT MAKERS 1975

The next regular meeting of Local 1975 will be held on October 20, in Hall C of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

I am sorry to report that Brother Louis Forester, a former employee of Flecto, died of burns, that Brother Henry Hines, a former employee of Sherwin-Williams Company, died of a malignant brain tumor and that Brother Earl McCracken, a former employee of Glidden Company, died from head injuries resulting from a fall on the job. Brother McCracken was in a coma for about 30 days before finally passing away.

The Financial Secretary is calling for THREE DEATH ASSESSMENTS in compliance with our By-Laws to replenish the Fund and offers the Union's sympathy to the families of Louis Forester, Henry Hines and Earl McCracken. These are deaths 26, 27 and 28.

Fraternally,
CARL JARAMILLO,
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

STEAMFITTERS 342

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Nominations will be held in Hall "M" of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California, on Thursday, November 5, 1970, for the three year terms for Officers for years 1971-73. Nominations will also be held at this time for our Union's delegates to the National Convention and the California Pipe Trades Convention, both to be held in the year 1971, with the special order of business promptly at 9:00 p.m.

In the near future you will receive a listing of those offices to be filled for the General Election to be held on Sunday, December 13th, 1971.

Voting will be held in Hall "M" of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

Fraternally,
JAMES MASTIN,
Business Manager

CARPET & LINOLEUM 1290

There will be a SPECIAL CALL meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers Local 1290 on TUESDAY, October 20, 1970, Hall "A," 8:00 p.m., 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

This meeting is to discuss several issues including funding. Please attend.

National Conference Deaths are now due and payable through NC 369.

Fraternally,
BOB SEIDEL,
Recording Secretary

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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

Frankly, the GOP is strictly from hunger

It is very fortunate that our Republican political leaders are not our only source of information or we would be terribly confused.

Take poverty, for instance. You get all mixed up in reading the published remarks of Mr. Reagan's lieutenant governor and Mr. Nixon's secretary of agriculture.

"One third of the population will always be ill-housed, ill-clothed and ill-fed," said the lieutenant governor.

"We are going to succeed with President Nixon's program to eradicate hunger in this country," said the secretary of agriculture, "... by the end of the year there should not be any hunger at all or just a few who don't know about it."

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SINCE BOTH are prominent dues-paying members of the Republican party, it is hard to determine just what the GOP thinks about hunger.

Quite frankly, I don't believe either one. I think that Mr. Nixon is not the man to eradicate hunger. Nor do I think the people will stand still indefinitely for him or his satellite, Mr. Reagan, but will change the top leadership for people who will do something effective against hunger.

There is further difference among the GOP faithful. We have Mr. Reagan calling Mr. Nixon's proposal on welfare a threat of a "bigger mess," while his former lieutenant governor, Mr. Finch, says it's a good move. Mr. Nixon obviously likes it since it's his baby.

So again, the preachers of the Republican gospel are all mixed up among themselves on chapter and verse.

WHEN YOU get to the question of hunger, I can personally remember being quite hungry when another Republican named Hoover was in charge.

A considerably large number of people are hungry right now under Mr. Nixon, who has slowed down the economy so that California's 7 per cent of jobless ranges all the way from the unskilled through skilled workers to super-skilled scientific experts who simply can't find jobs.

A fact, as distinguished from the agriculture secretary's prediction, is that unemployment nationally went up to 5.5 per cent in September from 5.1 per cent in August.

That 5.5 per cent equals 4,600,000 people looking for jobs and some of them must be hungry.

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THE BEST anti-poverty agency we ever had was the labor movement. It was small and weak during that Hoover Depression and it began to grow then, simply because people were hungry.

For those \$8, 60 hour weeks I can remember, we now have what you make for 40 and fewer hours a week. We have Social Security, unemployment insurance, the minimum wage and a lot more anti-hunger mechanisms which organized labor fought for.

More needs to be done along those lines. And more needs to be done to fight hunger the one best way it can be fought—by more, not fewer, jobs.

Which seems to indicate that we have to keep on fighting to elect people who will make such things happen—not people who think hunger will always be with us.

This we can do on November 3.

Picket case ruling awaited

Federal District Judge Robert Feckham last week took under submission the National Labor Relations Board's plea for an injunction to bar Alameda County Building Trades Council picketing of Clovis contractor John Birges.

BTC attorney Stewart Weinberg argued that the issue was one of credibility between Birges and BTC Secretary-Treasurer Lamar Childers, who had said in an affidavit that now suspended picketing was because the council had reason to believe Birges was not paying prevailing wages on a San Leandro city golf course job.

Birges had claimed in an affidavit that picketing was aimed at organizing his employees, who are under contract to another organization.

To settle the issue of credibility,

Weinberg urged the judge to look to external evidence, such as Birges' declaration in an earlier court session that there was no foundation to a battery charge against him and that it was to be dismissed.

At the time that Birges rose in court to make his statement, a bench warrant had been issued against him for failure to appear in Hayward municipal court in the battery case, Weinberg noted. Birges was accused of attacking Business Representative Seymour Bachman as Bachman was observing the job July 24.

NLRB counsel minimized the alleged attack, saying it was "unfortunate" that tempers had flared. The NLRB went into court on Birges' unfair labor practice charge, which claimed the council was interfering with employees' free choice of bargaining representative.

Projectionists aid farm union

Northern California Movie Projectionists have made a \$500 contribution to the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee—more than meeting the \$1 per member urged by the California Labor Federation convention.

The presentation by the Northern California State Association of the IATSE was made at a dinner in Salinas, where UFWOC is organizing lettuce and other vegetable crop workers.

The association represents some 450 theater projectionists.

UFWOC Vice President Andy Imutan pledged the farm workers will give full support to the strike of IATSE Local 611 against the Kindair Theatre Corporation, which operates six non-union theaters in the Salinas, Monterey, Watsonville and Santa Cruz areas.

Taking part in the presentation to Imutan were these IATSE representatives: Chairman and Business Agent Lee Smith, Oakland Local 169; Vice President Ernest Winther, San Mateo Local 409; Association Secretary-Treasurer John Turturic, and Business Agent Les McMillan, Sacramento Local 252.

Among those at the dinner, given by the association, were Secretary John F. Mattos of the Salinas-Monterey Central Labor Council and President Herman Cornell of the Santa Cruz Central Labor Council; Communications Workers Local 9425 President Richard Davis, Business Agent Wayne Pierce of Carpenters Local 925 and Business Agent Len Cox of Machinists Lodge 1824.

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The overriding issue in Cal. is unemployment

While Republican politicians seek to divert your attention to welfare and crime, it is overwhelmingly clear that the major problem facing America as election day nears is unemployment.

The GOP state and national politicians distort the cost of welfare and cite false case histories, ignoring the fact that their policies have contributed to the need for welfare.

They are verbally four-square against crime, but draw the purse strings closed when it comes to appropriations to fight crime or improve law enforcement salaries.

Our governor says we have never been more prosperous, which has to be news to the more than half million Californians listed as looking for work as the unemployment rate matches a nine-year-high.

A national administration spokesman says unemployment is only "temporary" and it's good for the country because it gives us the know-how to solve domestic problems.

It is not "temporary" to a wage earner who has not had a paycheck for weeks or months. And as for know-how, the administration shows none on how to cure joblessness—which it created.

It is a result of "tight money," a banker's economy which inflates profits of lenders while cutting off other business and workers at the pocketbook.

It is a result also of the national administration's cutback of needed construction—in which its satellite administration in Sacramento goes along.

California's unemployment rate is at 7 per cent. The Bay Area's is at 5.6 per cent. The nation's is at 5.5 per cent. The jobless nationally total 4,600,000.

The Reagan administration does nothing either to create job opportunities or to raise the meager unemployment benefit. The governor satisfies himself with telling us we are prosperous while his lieutenant governor says dourly that anyway, one-third of the people will always lack the food, clothing and housing they need.

Meanwhile, working people and most business suffer.

They have their answer November 3 when they can elect Jess Unruh governor and replace the rest of the "acceptable unemployment" gang with people who will cure the economy's ills with jobs.

This is a disturbing trend

When MediCal was instituted some years ago it was a significant advance in recognition of government's obligation to serve those who cannot serve themselves.

It provides medical services for those who do not qualify for Medicare but cannot stretch their finances to meet the cost of health.

Now from Sacramento comes the old familiar cry of "economy" and a proposal to substitute for MediCal a system of care by private insurance companies which are in business to make profit.

This is a new example of the disturbing trend by the Reagan administration to put essential state services into private hands.

Perhaps the next move would be to get the state out of the job-finding and unemployment insurance business, which are long established state functions.

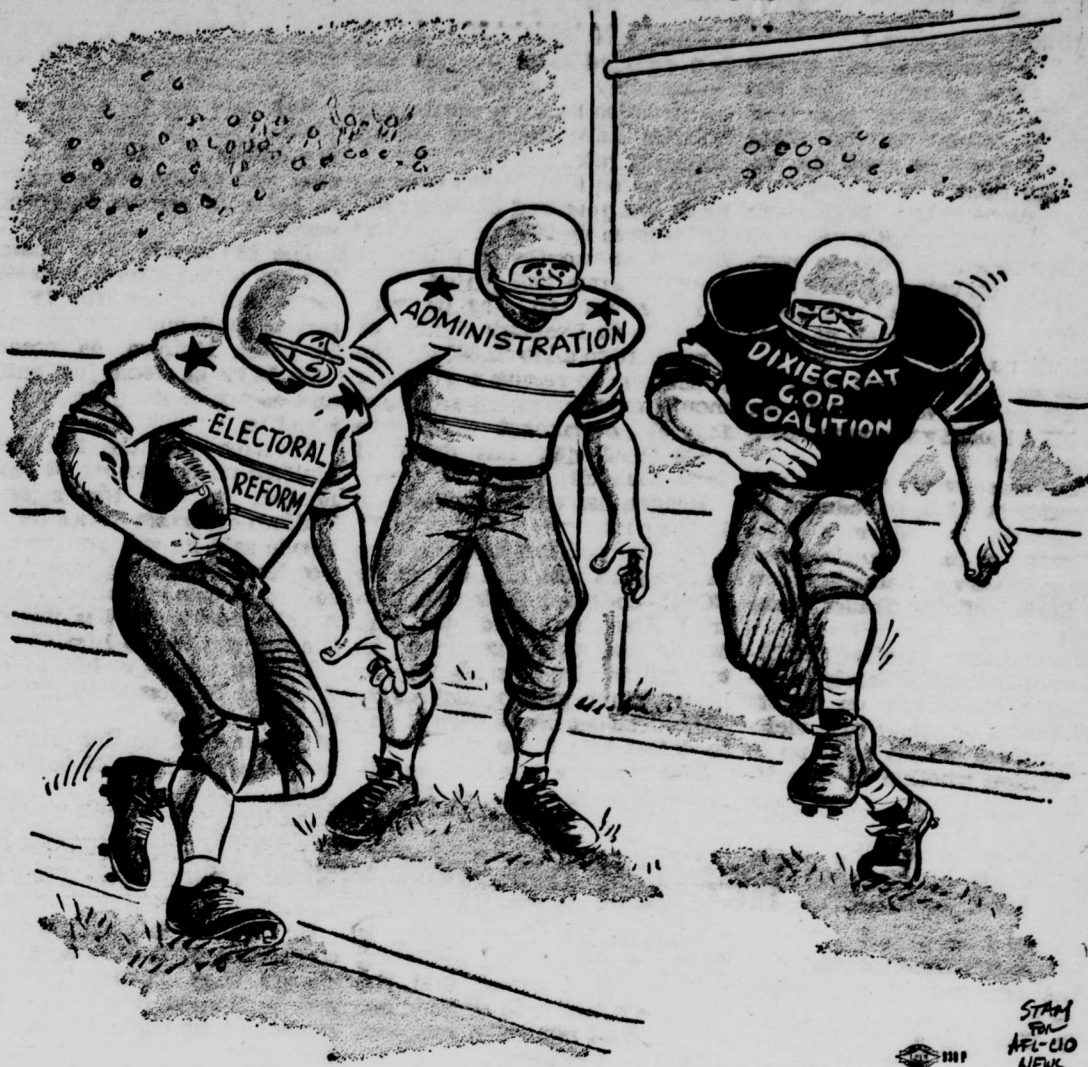
Already the state is subsidizing private employment agencies to compete with the state in finding jobs for welfare clients.

The governor criticizes welfare costs along with those of MediCal. Perhaps he wants to turn public assistance over to private agencies too.

He has already cut back services and funding in these fields along with such other state functions as job safety enforcement, wage claim collection, education and even in such non-controversial areas as forest fire prevention.

All of these cost the state money and it is just as logical to turn them over to private interests as to do the same for health care.

'Don't Just Stand There—Help!'



Senate stalls direct Presidential election

Southern opposition to the Constitutional amendment for direct election of the President and Vice President dealt the measure a second heavy blow in the Senate last week.

By a 54 to 34 vote, the Senate failed to impose cloture which would have limited debate and let Senators vote on the labor-supported measure.

It was the second time in two weeks that cloture had been rejected. The first vote was 54 to 36, six votes short of the required two-thirds. The second vote was five short.

The Senate laid the amendment aside. The only slim hope of reviving it was that proponents might switch enough votes

to make up the required two-thirds.

On the first cloture motion, California Democratic Senator Alan Cranston voted to limit debate and GOP Senator George Murphy did not vote.

The Senate Judiciary Committee had voted approval of the amendment months ago by an 11-6 vote.

The AFL-CIO had warned that a direct election system is the only guarantee that a candidate who receives fewer votes than his opponent will not be elected President of the United States.

Last September, the House voted 339-70 approval of a direct election amendment, well over the required two-thirds needed.

After approval by both houses of Congress, a constitutional

amendment must be ratified by three fourths of the states to become effective.

Under the direct election amendment passed by the House and endorsed by the Senate committee:

- The Electoral College system would be abolished.

- The votes of all Americans would be counted for the candidate of their choice.

- The candidate who received the most votes nationwide would be elected President and his running-mate would be elected Vice-President, if the ticket received at least 40 per cent of the total vote cast.

- If no slate received 40 per cent of the vote, there would be a runoff election between the two top candidates.

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

'We can't afford them'

Editor, Labor Journal:

As trade unionists, can we afford to let the Reagans, the Murphys and the Mulford go back to Sacramento and Washington?

In the last four years we have seen our families and our friend's families suffer because jobs are disappearing, schools aren't educating, and our hard earned money isn't buying as much.

The Republicans tell us through the Oakland Tribune and the monied interest that these are lies being spread around by radicals, liberals and labor leaders.

All we have to do is look at our families and friends to really know who all the lying radicals are!

As working people and trade unionists we are the backbone of the state, not Standard Oil or General Electric. We need to restore state government back to representing the working people, the hand-capped and crippled, the old, the sick, and the poor. We don't need and cannot afford another regime that represents big corporate interests at the expense of our minimal and economic well-being.

As sisters and brothers of

trade unionists we must defeat the Reagans and Mulford. Not only should we cast our one ballot, but we must also make our vote count and mean something.

Organized labor knows how to make your vote count 5 times, 10, or even 100 times on Election Day. Today and tomorrow until November 3 you can volunteer your time after work to COPE.

COPE is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Lunches and dinners are served free. If you want to protect your job and your family — call 451-3215. As a responsible unionist you will have done your part.

STEVE MARTIN
Sheet Metal Local 355
COPE Volunteer

Magazines for schools

Editor, Labor Journal:

This is to say "Thank you!" to your readers who have actively helped MAGAZINES FOR HIGH SCHOOLS get started this fall, and to ask more readers to put their used magazines to further use this way.

Donors bring any used 1970 magazines to collection points in Alameda, Berkeley, and Oakland.

The magazines are assembled into "class sets"—40 copies of the same issue of one magazine, so every student can have his own, permitting the teacher to teach a whole class from current magazines.

While pre-1970 magazines cannot be collected in sufficient numbers to form class sets, MAGAZINES FOR HIGH SCHOOLS has been able to bring some teachers who can use older periodicals and possible donors together.

Particularly needed to fill out class sets are any 1970 Atlantics, Harper's, Saturday Reviews, and Reader's Digests, and July or later Lives, Looks, Ebonys, and New York Times Magazine or Book Review sections.

Collection points (front porch boxes)

Alameda: 2323 Fernside Boulevard

Berkeley: 1727 Delaware Street
Oakland: 852 MacArthur Boulevard

(Contra Costa depots now being sought)

Thank you, Labor Journal, for your help!

MRS. R. P. MURPHY
Berkeley

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Reagan dumps safety bill, measles curb

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Despite Reagan's citing the "tight fiscal situation" for the veto, Crown pointed out that there is money in the State Highway Fund to meet the vetoed pay raise.

The closest the Legislature came to knocking out a veto was the Senate's 31-5 vote to override Reagan's veto of a bill which would have improved retirement benefits for 66 firemen at state institutions.

The Assembly upheld the governor's action, voting 34-13 for the bill when 54 votes were needed to override.

The vetoed safety measure was Assembly Bill 133, introduced by Democratic Assemblymen Leo McCarthy of San Francisco and Walter Powers of Sacramento at the State Building Trades Council's request.

It would have required the Division of Industrial Safety to investigate complaints on unsafe work places or safety code violations instead of leaving it up to the division whether to investigate.

State BTC President James S. Lee charged that Reagan was "completely ignoring the fact construction industry deaths and injuries have increased at an alarming rate."

Lee noted that deaths were up by 21 last year and disabling injuries were up 25½ per cent the first three months of this year over the same 1969 period.

There was an election year overtone in Reagan's signing of a measure to allow 32,000 old age pensioners to receive a \$7.50 per month extra payment from the federal government which the state until now has deducted from their checks.

Reagan has vetoed similar bills in the past.

Another political hint was seen in Reagan's veto of a bill which COPE - endorsed Sixteenth District Assembly candidate Ken Meade had widely publicized as tailored to give Meade's Republican incumbent opponent a \$42,300 retirement bonus were Meade to defeat him November 3.

The measure would have affected Meade's opponent, Assem-

blyman Don Mulford, Crown and Assemblyman Carl A. Britsch, Redwood City Republican.

But, said the Los Angeles Times when it broke the story September 2, "Mulford is the only one of the three regarded as being in serious jeopardy of losing."

The bill would have changed the law which affords legislators retirement at 60 or after 15 years service, and qualify them after 14 years. Mulford, 55, credited with 14 years, would just qualify and escape a five-year wait for benefits.

Meade publicly challenged Mulford on September 10 to ask Reagan to veto the measure. Mulford did so six days later and Meade said he was gratified but wondered why his opponent took so long. Crown had already asked a veto, noting he was unaware the bill applied to him.

Reagan signed a bill to give Southern California 60 per cent of state highway funds, instead of 55 per cent, cutting back the north's share from 45 to 40 per cent.



ATTORNEY GENERAL Thomas C. Lynch described Third District supervisorial candidate Fred F. Cooper as "a good friend of organized labor" at last week's testimonial dinner staged for Cooper by Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local 444. Cooper, center, and Local 444 Business Manager & Financial Secretary George A. Hess listen to Lynch's address. Cooper, Oakland attorney, has Alameda County Building Trades Council and COPE endorsement for the county board of supervisors at the November 3 election.

Unruh blasts Reagan on joblessness

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tive Jacquelin Hume, \$2,000.

Most are from Los Angeles. Kaiser lives in Atherton and Jacquelin Hume is a San Franciscan.

In a San Diego appearance, Unruh lashed at Reagan's charge that an Oakland woman with five children was on welfare despite a \$13,000 a year income.

"The woman who is supporting five adopted children and has some child support from her former husband, has not received a penny of welfare," Unruh declared.

One of the children is a ward of the court and county, state and welfare funds are going to his maintenance, but the woman gets none of it, he said.

Reagan, Unruh charged, is "sensationalizing and distorting welfare fraud cases" and the governor's motive in singling out the Oakland non-relief recipient should be questioned.

Unruh, whose unscheduled Labor Day confrontation with Salvatori on the sidewalk before Salvatori's \$700,000 Bel Aire home, had drawn cries of foul from Republicans, also paid a visit to Tuttle's Los Angeles auto agency.

Unruh had shown reporters the Salvatori mansion to emphasize his criticism that the Reagan "tax reform" bill would have meant a \$4,000-plus rebate to Salvatori and about \$20 to a \$20,000 home owner, while renters would pay some \$25 more.

He held an impromptu press conference at Tuttle's agency to charge that Tuttle, "Detroit's link to Ronald Reagan," was a symbol of why Reagan has not been able to stop Los Angeles from having its worst smog season since 1956.

"The automobile industry in this country has been dragging its tailpipe on smog," Unruh said, citing Reagan's link with Tuttle and adding:

"With that kind of connection, I don't believe any governor is free to wage a vigorous fight against smog."

Reagan blames the weather for this year's severe Los Angeles smog and claims California "has turned the corner on smog."

Lynch praises Cooper record; urges big November 3 drive

A capacity crowd of 500 last week heard California Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch praise labor-endorsed supervisorial candidate Fred F. Cooper and urge hard campaigning for Democratic nominees for public office at the November 3 election.

Lynch was the chief speaker at the testimonial dinner for Cooper, sponsored by Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local 444 at Goodman's Hall, Oakland.

Cooper, a former Alameda County Central Labor Council delegate and active worker in 1958 against anti-union shop "right to work," has the backing of the Alameda County Building Trades Council and of COPE for the Third District seat on the county board of supervisors.

Lynch recalled that as a newspaper circulation driver while working his way through law school, Cooper had been a director of the old AFL Voters League, a COPE predecessor.

Later, as an attorney, Lynch

said, "Fred continued to find time to fight for the working man as in 1958 when he took a leading part in the anti-18 campaign."

"Because of his work and that of others, we hardly hear about 'right to work' any more," said Lynch.

Cooper's civic contributions include a fight to extend mental health services for children, said Lynch.

"He early supported property tax relief for senior citizens, which later was formulated by Senator Nicholas Petris and has become law," the attorney general noted.

Other speakers included Local 444 Business Manager & Financial Secretary George A. Hess, State Building Trades Council President James S. Lee and Building Trades Council Secretary-Treasurer Lamar Childers.

Cooper told the gathering that his aim is "to make a record, to get the job done for the people."

9-year jobless high in Cal.

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soaring inflation and welfare costs and no amount of double-talk can wash that fact away," he said.

President Nixon's deputy direc-

tor of the Office of Management & Budget, Casper W. Weinberger, said hopefully that the national 5.5 per cent figure "might be a statistical fluke."

Prior to the disclosure of September joblessness, Defense Secretary Melvin Laird said that "temporary" problems like unemployment are good for the nation because they give experience in solving domestic problems. Laird blamed joblessness on a shift from a wartime economy.

Speaker of the House John W. McCormack took direct issue. Tight money is the cause, he said, and charged that Nixon administration has created "a bankers' economy which portends even greater unemployment unless policies are changed."

"A stagnant economy," McCormack said, "cannot provide the jobs that are needed."

Statist's showing the seriousness of the September jobless upsurge included an increase in those unemployed by layoff by 100,000 to about 2,100,000.

And those out of work for five weeks or longer increased by more than 200,000 to 2,300,000.

Nat Dickerson, UC union leader, is dead at 63

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day he died, appears on page 4 of this edition. His recurrent column themes were need for increased membership support to the union against UC management tactics and opposition to racism.

Dickerson had been on sick leave since suffering a heart attack last May 22 and planned to retire next year. Despite his illness, he remained active in union affairs. He recently participated in a Berkeley conference of unions from UC campuses on need for UC organization.

A Southern Pacific employee for 15 years after his World War II Navy service, he became a student at UC in 1946 seeking a degree in music, but was forced to drop out because of illness of his wife Millie. He returned to the SP until becoming a UC custodian in 1954.

He suffered a final heart attack at 10:30 p.m. Sunday at his home, 1106 Sixty-second Avenue, Oakland, and died in an ambulance en route to a hospital.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council, to which he was a delegate, adjourned in his memory Monday night.

Besides his wife, he is survived by five stepgrandchildren. He was a Mason.

Masonic funeral services will be held Monday at a time to be set at Baker's Mortuary, 980 Eighth Street, Oakland.

No agreement at UARCO; talks set

Another negotiating session between Bookbinders Local 3 and UARCO was scheduled for this week after management had reverted to a lower offer in bargaining last week.

Employees who had walked out at UARCO and Moore's Business Forms, both in Emeryville, had returned with an agreement at Moore's and under pressure at UARCO resulting from a technical law violation.

In last week's bargaining, UARCO had gone back to a lesser offer than that which preceded the walkout. Assistant Secretary Ed Collins told the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

YESS, JESS WE NEED A NEW GOVERNOR

Let Me Help on the Jess Unruh Election Team

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Auto salesmen win 1st pension

Automobile Salesmen Local 105 with the help of the Alameda County Central Labor Council and Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546, has negotiated its first pension provision in an agreement with newly organized Mezzetti Volkswagen in Fremont.

Local 1095 was chosen as bargaining agent by the Mezzetti sales employees in a National Labor Relations Board election June 29.

In meetings participated in by

Labor Council Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx, Assistant Secretary Ed Collins and Lodge 1546 Business Representatives C. L. McMonagle and Claude Carnahan, agreement was reached on area terms plus the pension.

The pension will be financed by employer contributions of 2 per cent of gross employee earnings in the first year of a three-year contract and 3 per cent during the last two years. The agreement is effective October 1.

Unruh tells tax relief plan

Jess Unruh told a Southern California factory audience that he will eliminate the property tax burden carried by owners of low and medium priced homes and transfer it to oil companies and other wealthy interests.

The shift can be accomplished within four years and, depending on what the state can afford, would eliminate taxes on homes worth up to \$25,000 or \$30,000, Unruh declared.

Unruh, COPE's candidate to unseat GOP Governor Reagan,

told 3,000 Rohr Corporation employees in Chula Vista that the taxes now placed on low and medium priced homes should be made up by eliminating the "depletion allowance," a big current tax break for oil and other mineral producers.

Other sources he listed as state income tax withholding, to capture revenue which now escapes, and property taxes on insurance firms' headquarters offices, which some companies now do not pay.

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